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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was at least steady, but overall mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate; however, buying interest in the Midwest was slow into retail and restaurants affected by persistent bad weather. Supplies of all sizes were irregular, but available. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good. Wings were tight, breast items were close balanced to well cleared, and dark meat was sufficient to barely adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 73.25 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.50 cents last year on January 14, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	162.00
BREASTS - B/S	146.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	117.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good, best for features and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Availability of all items was no more than adequate to tight and clearing well, often at premium levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings were generally more than sufficient for trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were in short supply. Breast items were well cleared. Drums, thighs and boneless thigh meat were close balance. Other items were adequate to closely cleared.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady, instances fully steady. Offerings were light to moderate. Retail and food service movement remained slow to moderate, best into scattered retail features and fast food. Lingering inclement weather pattern of sleet, ice, rain and snow along with flooding were noted for diminishing consumer interest overall; especially into restaurants and retail. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate with minimal disruptions on deliveries noted. Weights were generally desirable. Parts interest was heavy on wings with additional offerings very limited; breast cuts received moderate to light interest on like offerings; leg quarters were available for fair interest and dark meat was limited on fairly good call. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, dark meat and boneless skinless breasts, and steady on all other items.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiment, although mixed, was generally steady overall. Offerings were fully adequate overall for full needs. Sizes were in a full range with heavy weights in the longest position. Retailer demand was moderate best where featured. Floor stocks in fair balance with current demand. Trade sentiment was firm on wings and about steady on balance of parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 01/08/05		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2005	2004	
EGGS SET	211,371	206,529	+02
CHICKS PLACED	173,506	166,769	+04

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 8, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 8, 2005. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 26, 2004 through January 8, 2005 were 346 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 19-Feb-05 is estimated at 159.2 million head. This compares to 158.5 million head the previous week and to 157.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.51 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 12, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	651	124.00-150.00	124-129	127.84	BREAST - B/S	706	122.00-150.00	125-132	129.70
TENDERLOINS	220	105.00-170.00	112-120	117.91	TENDERLOINS	198	115.00-170.00	115-119	118.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	72.00-79.00	72-75	72.65	BREAST - LINE RUN	110	72.00-80.00	73-75	74.14
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	85	57.00-68.00	58-60	60.73
LEGS	63	32.00-49.00	32-34	35.43	LEGS	89	33.00-49.00	34-35	35.79
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.41	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,040	26.00-31.00	29-30	29.19	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,000	26.00-32.00	29-30	29.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	340	112.00-120.00	116-117	116.59	WINGS (WHOLE)	305	115.00-122.00	116-118	116.79
WINGS (CUT)	774	125.00-138.00	129-132	130.78	WINGS (CUT)	800	133.00-141.00	136-139	136.59
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50 - 49.00	45.25	40.50-48.50	43.57	44.47

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate. Offerings of breast items were in close balance and well cleared. Wings were short. Thighs, boneless thighs and drums continued to clear well. Leg and leg quarters were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on breast items. Other items ranged steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **JANUARY 11, 2005**

CURRENT NEG				WTD	CURRENT NEG				WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	135-140	129.13	916,960		BREAST - B/S	140	130.75	569,320	
TENDERLOINS	110	112.57	190,930		TENDERLOINS	110	116.32	161,060	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	77.38	80,580		BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	76.36	96,840	
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.33	108,000		BREAST - LINE RUN	69	71.41	132,720	
LEGS	42-43	39.00	316,400		LEGS	42-43	38.69	365,080	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.53	326,763		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.93	261,600	
DRUMSTICKS	24-25	30.94	166,740		DRUMSTICKS	25-26	33.77	127,440	
THIGHS	30-31	42.40	74,300		THIGHS	31-32	39.16	89,320	
B/S THIGHS	88-89	77.23	84,920		B/S THIGHS	89-90	85.78	50,040	
WINGS (WHOLE)	113-114	122.26	145,160		WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	124.53	94,040	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.13	22,280		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.63	42,040	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.04	11,040		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.71	12,000	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.31	21,120		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.38	25,160	

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	WTS	WTS	WTS
	01/12	01/11	01/10	01/07	01/10	01/07	01/05	01/03
Alabama	3,936	4,084	4,011	4,262	5.36	5.13	3,932	5.48
Arkansas	5,273	5,586	5,393	5,135	5.16	4.76	5,073	5.22
Delmarva	2,231	2,246	2,196	2,655	5.68	5.56	2,253	5.60
KY-LA-TN	2,181	2,165	2,154	2,608	5.29	5.12	2,147	5.24
Mississippi	3,083	3,049	2,975	3,114	5.66	5.50	3,011	5.28
North Car	2,577	2,491	2,492	3,418	6.51	6.57	2,352	6.67
Texas	2,294	2,451	2,446	2,484	5.25	5.12	2,494	5.17
Total	21,575	22,072	21,667	23,676	5.50	5.35	21,262	5.48
Mon-Wed	65,807(A)						64,019(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Jan-05 is estimated to be 32,279,000 head up 1.17 percent from a week ago and up 4.47 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,906,000, last year 30,899,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63-71
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	103-105
	DRY PACK	103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		175-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-05

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/15/05 (1)	01/08/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	164,797 (2)	164,938
Light hens	1,635	1,521
Heavy hens	1,224	1,474
Total	167,656	167,933

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Jan-05 is 158.8 million head compared to 159.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.1 million head or 6.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 22-Jan-05 the estimated available is 161.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/10/05	59,401	50,634
AM 01/01/05	59,916	54,376
CHG	-515	-3,742
PCT CHG	-1	-7

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/10/05	01/03/05	01/12/04	01/10/05	01/03/05	01/12/04
PACIFIC						
COAST	906	1,868	6,277	7,215	7,574	3,023
LOS						
ANGELES	49	62	437	3,674	3,804	1,639

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2005

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	72-78
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	76-83

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 01/11/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	2.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.20	.98	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.40	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.30	1.09	RABBITS ea.	-	5.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	2.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	27					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 7, 2005

	<u>Whole</u> <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs</u> <u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u> <u>& Wings</u>	<u>Livers/</u> <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	70.70	119.84	79.89	15.98	9.99	48.73
High	72.70	127.83	83.89	23.97	13.98	48.73
Mostly	72.70	123.83	79.89	19.97	11.98	48.73

SAN JUAN

Low	71.10	115.84	79.89	19.97	7.99	47.94
High	72.70	127.83	87.88	27.96	13.98	47.94
Mostly	72.70	119.84	83.89	23.97	9.99	47.94

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	70.70	119.84	83.89	19.97	7.99	48.73
High	71.90	127.83	91.88	23.97	13.98	48.73
Mostly	71.90	123.83	87.88	21.97	11.98	48.73

BECERRA

Low	71.90	119.84	83.89	19.97	9.99	49.53
High	72.70	127.83	91.88	27.96	13.98	49.53
Mostly	72.70	123.83	87.88	23.97	9.99	49.53

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, activity was moderate to good; supplies were adequate to closely cleared and generally held with confidence.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	67-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	75.70
NO. OF BOXES	7,018

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